

## STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

## PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES OF FACTORY STATISTICS, 1938-39.

Preliminary estimates of the principal items relating to the Secondary Industries of the State for the year ended 30th June 1939 are issued herewith. They are subject to revision but may be taken as approximately correct.

Since 1931-32, the year of lowest levels, there has been a steady improvement in the Secondary Industries of the State and whilst the year 1938-39 was not quite equal to the previous year 1937-38, it can still be considered as one of the best on record. The decline was mainly due to decreased activity in the industries comprising Motor Body Building, Agricultural Implements and Smelting.

The output selling value at the factory of all work done during the year is estimated at £35,000,000 (£36,239,937), the cost of materials, fuel, light, power, &c. used being £21,300,000 (£22,419,782). The value of production which represents the value added to materials &c. as a result of treatment is estimated at £13,700,000 (£13,820,155). There were 42,800 (44,084) persons including Working Proprietors employed on the average over the whole year and who received £8,500,000 (£8,412,975) in Salaries and Wages.

The totals for the principal items in each year since 1933-34 are as follows :-

Year	No. of Fac- tories	Number of Employees (inc.W.P.) for whole year	Salaries & Wages paid (inc.W.P.)	Cost of materials fuel &c. used	Value of Output	Value of Production (added value)
	No.	No.	£	£	£	£
1933-34	1,733	29,486	4,907,335	14,277,820	22,919,297	8,641,477
1934-35	1,805	33,497	5,733,865	16,142,059	25,699,172	9,557,113
1935-36	1,895	38,471	6,694,151	20,234,386	31,904,091	11,669,705
1936-37	1,916	40,710	7,518,239	22,256,613	34,528,176	12,271,563
1937-38	1,980	44,084	8,412,975	22,419,782	36,239,937	13,820,155
1938-39a	2,070	42,800	8,500,000	21,300,000	35,000,000	13,700,000
Increase 1 year	90	-1,284	87,025	-1,119,782	-1,239,937	-120,155
5 years	337	13,314	3,592,665	7,022,180	12,080,703	5,058,523

a. Subject to revision.

A brief analysis of 385 returns of establishments, each with an output value of £10,000 and over reveals that 223 showed increased productive activity for 1938-39 over 1937-38, and 162 showed less.

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